overcrowding, proposal for 2nd phase of scheme of modernization of prisons was formulated by Ministry of Home Affairs. The proposal was, however, not approved by the Ministry of Finance due to commitment of Government of India in other important sectors. Accordingly, it was decided that the State Government may approach the Planning Commission for seeking more funds for the Modernisation of Prisons.

Damage to life and property due to naxalism

643. SHRI MANOHAR JOSHI:
SHRI MOINUL HASSAN:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the naxalism has become a big problem in the country;

(b) if so, the details of the districts affected with this problem;

(c) the details of the loss of lives and property due to naxalism during last three years; and

(d) the steps likely to be taken by Government to solve naxal problem?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI AJAY MAKEN): (a) to (c) The naxal movement, which is about 40 years old, has undergone considerable metamorphosis in 2004 with the merger of various groups and formation of CPI (Maoist). Presently, 83 districts in nine States are included under Security Related Expenditure Scheme of the Ministry for which expenditure on account of anti naxal operations are reimbursed to the States. During 2007, 2008 and 2009 (upto 31.10.2009), there have been 1405 casualties of civilians. 754 Security personnel laid down their lives. Naxals continue to target economic and social infrastructure as well as public utility buildings.

(d) The Central Government assists efforts of the State Governments to deal with naxalites in the States, These include deployment of Central paramilitary forces (CPMFs); sanction of India Reserve (IR) battalions, modernisation and upgradation of the State Police Forces and their Intelligence apparatus under the Scheme of Modernization of State Police Forces (MPF scheme); re-imbursement of security-related expenditure (SRE) Scheme; assistance in training of State Police through Ministry of Defence, Central Police Organisations and Bureau of Police Research and Development; sharing of Intelligence and assistance in development works through a range of schemes of different Central Ministries.

Detainees under POTA in various jails

644. SHRI MOHAMMED ADEEB:
SHRI SABIR ALI:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the detainees under the repealed POTA in various jails in the country who have not been chargesheeted;

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(b) since when they are in jails and for how long they can be kept in jails without being chargesheeted; and

(c) under what provision they are being kept in jails and what are the reasons for not releasing them?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI AJAY MAKEN): (a) to (c) Since 'Police' and 'Public Order' are State subjects, the implementation of the provisions of POTA fall primarily in the domain of the State Governments/UT Administrations. The information regarding details of detainees under the repealed POTA in various jails in the country etc. are not Centrally maintained by this Ministry.

CISF personnel hired out to private companies

645. SHRI D. RAJA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Central Industrial Security Force (CISF) personnel are being hired out to private companies in large numbers;

(b) if so, the number of CISF personnel presently out-sourced to private companies;

(c) what are the reasons for such a policy;

(d) whether such commercial activity by CISF dilutes and disturbs the needed focus for duties at sensitive placed like airports; and

(e) the steps proposed to review this policy?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI AJAY MAKEN): (a) Yes, Sir but not in large number.

(b) So far 169 CISF personnel have been sanctioned for deployment in two establishments of Private Sector *viz.* Infosys Technologies Limited, Bangalore (101 personnel) and Electronics City, Bangalore (68 personnel).

(c) In the wake of increasing terrorist attacks in different parts of the country particularly the terrorist attack in Mumbai on 26.11.2008, an ordinance was promulgated on 10.1.2009 to amend CISF Act to provide CISF security to the critical installations of national importance in Private/Joint Sector also. CISF (Amendment) Act-2009 has been passed by the Parliament and notified on 16.3.2009.

Accordingly a policy has been approved to provide CISF security to the critical/vulnerable establishments in Private/Joint sector on cost reimbursement basis.

(d) While agreeing for deployment of CISF in Private Sector establishments, it is ensured that it will not compromise the security of the other sensitive establishments in Public Sector.

(e) No proposal for review this policy is under consideration of the Government at present.